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Chief Defends Police In Capital War Protest

Washington — (UPI) — Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson acknowledged that his department's handling of thousands of antiwar demonstrators last spring was not "the ultimate in perfection," but defended his tactics and promised to be better prepared if there is a next time.

"The simple fact is that on May 3, we did not anticipate the necessity nor capacity to arrest some 7,000 persons," Wilson said, referring to the big push by antiwar elements to close down the government during three weeks of protests.

He told the National Press Club that while his men did not perform perfectly, "if the need arises again we will build on that experience and be a little better prepard to handle thousands of prisoners."